Opening and improvements of ryots' roads.

5. MR. K. M. KESAVAN: This Council recommends to Government that a sum of ten lakhs of rupees be allotted each year, for the next five years for the improvement of the already existing and the opening of new ryots' roads in the country.

Appointment of a full-time Co-operative Registrar.

6. MR K. M. KESAVAN: This Council recommends to Government that a full-time Co-operative Registrar be appointed immediately.

Reduction of School Fees.

7. MR. K. M. KESAVAN: The Council recommends to Government that owing to economic depression the fees in schools be reduced by 50 per cent. at least for the children of agriculturists.

RESOLUTION RE: DEMONSTRANION FARMS IN EACH TALUK.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Sir, I move only the eighth resolution in the list.

"This Council recommends to Government that farms be opened in each taluk to demonstrate the cultivation of all crops suited to the soil of that taluk".

I have already spoken something in my last budget speech about opening of demonstration farms. These farms were on the increase once. I think it was during the time of the late Dr. Kunjan Pillai, who was the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries that the establishment of demonstration farms was carried on on a large scale and, if my information is correct, an amount of about Rs. 20,000 was allotted at that time every year. Now, I do not understand why Government is following a policy which is not at all encouraging to the ryots or advantageous to the carrying on of these demonstration farms. I understand that certain demonstrations are being carried on in the case of cocoanut and paddy. In one or two places, demonstration in the case of sugarcane plant and peppervine is also being carried on. But I am not aware of any such experiment being conducted in the case of any other crop. My intention in moving this resolution is to bring home to the Government that demonstration must be carried on, on a larger scale not only on these four crops mentioned, but on all other crops that are cultivated in this country. Demonstration to the extent it goes is serving a useful purpose. But, at the same time, I do not say that it is serving all the purposes it should. This, I am informed, is due to want of funds. So, enquiries must be made as to the demonstrations that are to be carried on in places where they are likely to be carried on with success. There are so many other crops which I have not mentioned, in the case of which demonstrations have to be done. Ours is essentially an agricultural country

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